# $103.9 billion wages paid in June 2025

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Total wages and salaries paid by employers were $103.9 billion in June 2025, up 5.9 per cent from June 2024, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Sean Crick, ABS head of labour statistics, said: 'The 5.9 per cent annual growth in total wages and salaries paid by employers between June 2024 and June 2025 was similar to the annual growth we saw to June 2024, when wages grew by 6.0 per cent.'

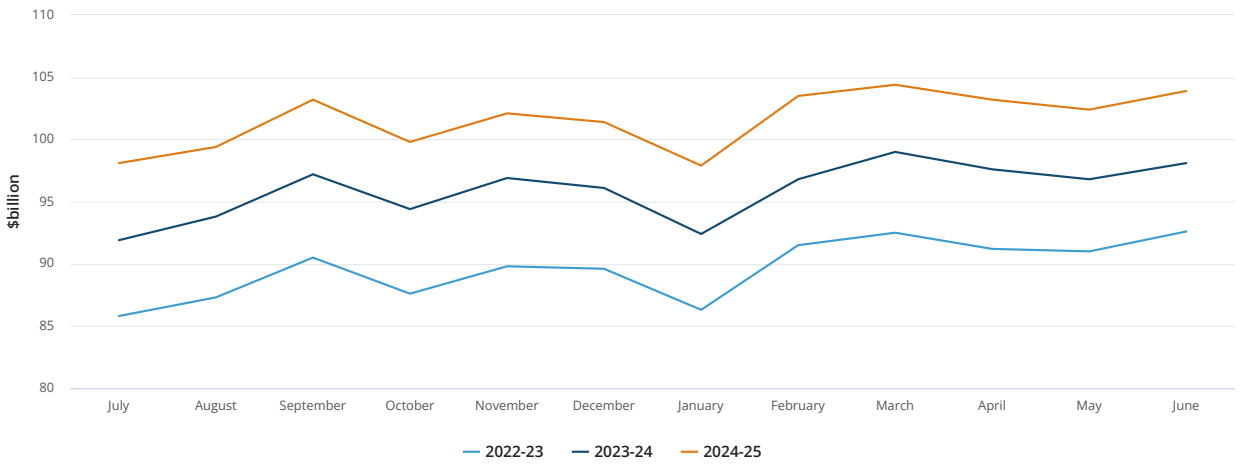
Aggregate measures of wages can be heavily influenced by differences in the number of persons paid, hours worked, seasonal payments and one-off events in any given month.

By adding together 12 months of wages and salaries paid in a financial year, and comparing the annual growth, we can gain better insights into underlying growth.

'Total wages and salaries paid by employers totalled $1,219 billion in the 2024-25 financial year, growing 5.9 per cent from the 2023-24 financial year.

'This was lower than the 7.0 per cent between the 2022-23 and 2023-24 years.' Mr Crick said.

## Total wages and salaries paid by employers, original



### Health care and social assistance industry over a fifth of wages growth in 2024-25

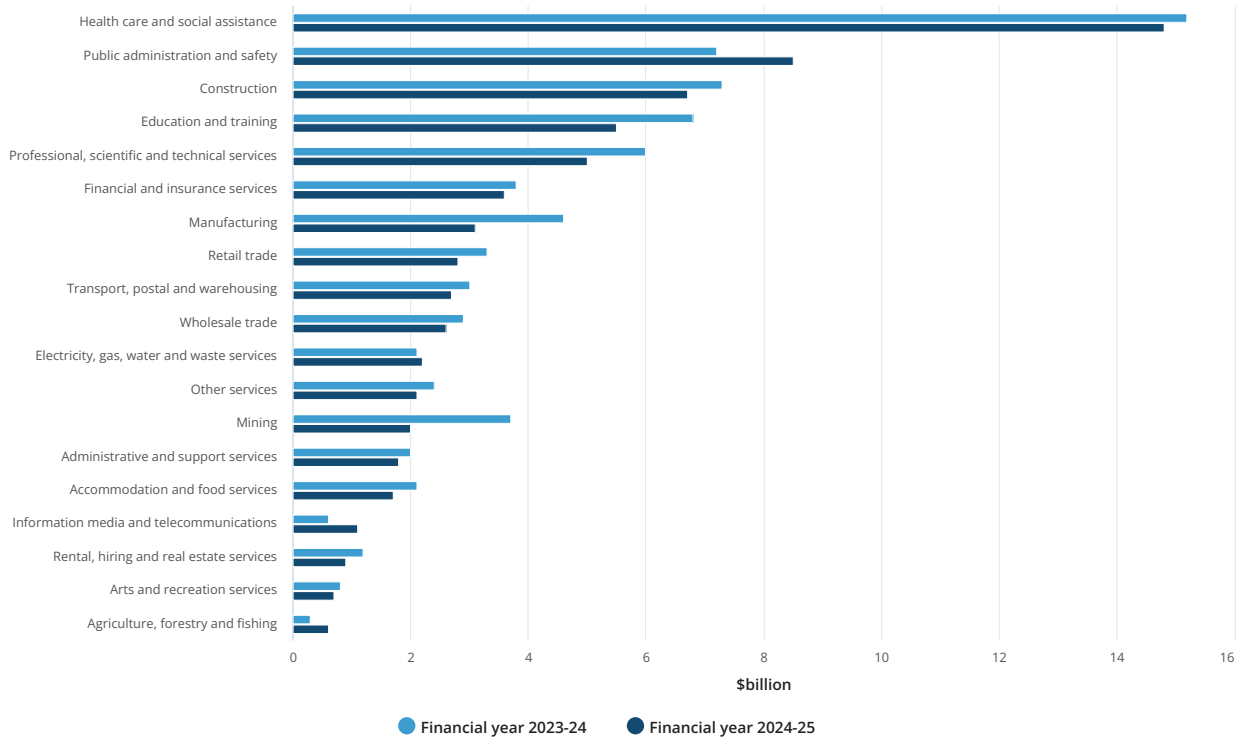
'The Health care and social assistance services industry held the largest share of total wages and salaries paid by employers, with 14.6 per cent of the 2024-25 financial year estimate,' Mr Crick said.

'This industry's rise of $14.8 billion from the 2023-24 financial year, was 21.6 per cent of the total increase in wages and salaries paid by all employers in the 2024-25 financial year.'

The Public administration and safety industry saw the second largest growth in wages and salaries in dollar terms in the 2024-25 financial year of $8.5 billion, and also had the strongest increase from 2023-24 financial year growth (up $1.3 billion).

The stronger 2024-25 growth was influenced by large state government pay rises, one-off payments such as backpay, and temporary jobs which supported the federal election in May 2025.

### Change in total wages and salaries paid by employers, by industry (a)(b)




a. The financial year estimate is the sum of monthly total wages and salaries paid in that year. The change is calculated from the difference between financial year estimates.

b. Industries are ranked by descending 2024-25 financial year growth.

## Media notes

- All estimates in this release are calendar-adjusted enabling the comparisons of monthly data. However, these estimates are not yet seasonally adjusted, which generally requires at least three years of reasonably stable data. The longstanding seasonally adjusted Labour Force statistics series can aid in the interpretation of labour statistics across periods of greater

seasonality.

- As an aggregate measure of total wages and salaries, estimates capture a mix of compositional changes in the labour market which can't be separated. This includes pay rises, periodic payments, variations in hours paid and changes in employment. It complements but is different to the measure of underlying wage growth reported in the ABS' Wage Price Index (https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/price-indexes-and-inflation/wage-price-index-australia/latest-release) .
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